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SUBJ: TDY DETAIL TO HAVANA

REF: MEXICO 12440

1. GREATLY APPRECIATE AMEMBASSY MEXICO'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TO SUPPORT US ON THIS AND OTHER MATTERS. WHILE WE ARE STILL UNABLE TO BE PRECISE ABOUT THE NECESSITY AND TIMING FOR TDY SUPPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE MOVEMENT OF DUAL NATIONALS AND THEIR FAMILIES, I REGRET TO COMPLICATE YOUR PLANNING FURTHER BY SUGGESTING THAT MR. FERNANDO SANCHEZ NOT RPT NOT BE SCHEDULED FOR SUCH DUTY.

2. AS THE EMBASSY MAY BE AWARE, THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT IS EXTREMELY SUSPICIOUS OF CUBAN BORN PERSONS OF WHATEVER NATIONALITY SEEKING TO ENTER CUBA. IT FLATLY REFUSES ORDINARY TOURIST VISAS TO SUCH PERSONS, AND ADMITS THEM IN SPECIAL CASES ONLY WITH ELABORATE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS AND/OR FOR PARTICULAR POLITICAL REASONS. I AM LESS CONCERNED ABOUT THE REAL PROSPECT THAT GOC WOULD CONSIDER MR. SANCHEZ' ENTRY AS A COVER FOR OTHER ACTIVITIES THAN I AM THAT HE HIMSELF WOULD SURELY BE PLACED
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UNDER SPECIAL SURVEILLANCE AND THERE WOULD BE SOME DANGER OF AN "INCIDENT" STAGED TO EMBARRASS HIM AND US.

3. IT IS OF INTEREST THAT THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY EXPRESSED SOME SENSITIVITY TO PROPOSED TDY TRAVEL FROM MEXICO, HAVING HEARD SOMETHING ABOUT IT FROM THEIR EMBASSY IN MEXICO. I HAVE EXPLAINED TO MINREX THE PURPOSES

OF THE PROGRAM AND ASSURED THEM THAT WE WILL SEND A NOTE
WHEN VISAS ARE REQUIRED. I HAVE NO IDEA WHETHER THEY IN
FACT, HAD HEARD AND WERE REACTING ESPECIALLY TO MR
SANCHEZ' NAME.

4. I AM SURE THAT MR. SANCHEZ IS EXTREMELY WELL PREPARED
PROFESSIONALLY, AND REGRET HAVING TO RAISE THIS PROBLEM.
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